



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 6608

January Session, 2001

***AN ACT EXPANDING ELIGIBILITY IN THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES
HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (i) of section 5-259 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (i) The Comptroller may provide for coverage of municipal
4 employees under the plan or plans procured under subsection (a) of
5 this section, provided: (1) Participation by each municipal employer
6 shall be on a voluntary basis; (2) where an employee organization
7 represents employees in a municipality, participation in a plan or plans
8 to be procured under subsection (a) of this section shall be by mutual
9 agreement of the municipal employer and the employee organization
10 only and neither party may submit the issue of participation to binding
11 arbitration except by mutual agreement; (3) no group of employees
12 shall be refused entry into the plan by reason of past or future health
13 care costs or claim experience; (4) rates paid by the state for its
14 employees under subsection (a) of this section are not adversely
15 affected by this subsection; (5) administrative costs to the plan or plans
16 provided under this subsection shall be paid by the participating
17 municipality at no additional cost to the state; and (6) participation in
18 the plan or plans in an amount determined by the state shall be for the
19 duration of the period of the plan or plans, or for such other period as
20 mutually agreed by the municipality and the Comptroller. For the

21 purposes of this subsection, "municipality" means any town, city,
 22 borough, school district, taxing district, fire district, district department
 23 of health, probate district, housing authority, regional work force
 24 development board established under section 31-3k, flood commission
 25 or authority established by special act, regional planning agency,
 26 transit district formed under chapter 103a, [or] the Children's Center
 27 established by number 571 of the public acts of 1969, or group
 28 organized as a nonprofit corporation under 26 USC 501 (c)(3).

29 Sec. 2. Subsection (m) of section 5-259 of the general statutes is
 30 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

31 (m) The Comptroller may provide for coverage of employees of
 32 community action agencies, as defined in subsection (b) of section 17b-
 33 885, under the plan or plans procured under subsection (a) of this
 34 section, provided: (1) Participation by each such agency shall be on a
 35 voluntary basis; (2) where an employee organization represents
 36 employees in such agency, participation in a plan or plans to be
 37 procured under subsection (a) of this section shall be by mutual
 38 agreement of the agency and the employee organization only and
 39 neither party may submit the issue of participation to binding
 40 arbitration except by mutual agreement; (3) no group of employees
 41 shall be refused entry into the plan by reason of past or future health
 42 care costs or claim experience; (4) rates paid by the state for its
 43 employees under subsection (a) of this section are not adversely
 44 affected by this subsection; (5) administrative costs to the plan or plans
 45 provided under this subsection shall be paid by the participating
 46 agency at no additional cost to the state; and (6) participation in the
 47 plan or plans in an amount determined by the state shall be for the
 48 duration of the period of the plan or plans, or for such other period as
 49 mutually agreed upon by the agency and the Comptroller. Not later
 50 than February 1, [2001,] 2002, and annually thereafter, the Comptroller
 51 shall submit to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
 52 having cognizance of matters relating to insurance and real estate a
 53 review of the coverage of community action agency employees under
 54 the state health plan.

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